

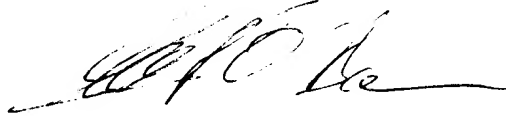
## REMARKS

This First Preliminary Amendment is submitted in connection with this application for the purpose of correcting an error in government support statement prior to examination.

No new matter has been added, and entry of this First Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. P. O'Banion", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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